

(a) in the case of a hearing or meeting transcript, a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks involved; and

(b) the result of each record vote taken by the Joint Select Committee, including a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, the name of each member voting for and voting against such amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, and the names of the members of the Joint Select Committee present but not voting.

3. Upon the termination of the Joint Select Committee, the records of the Joint Select Committee shall be treated as Senate records under S. Res. 474, 96th Congress as directed by the Secretary of the Senate.

#### RULE IV—CONTENT OF REPORT

In the report required under section 401(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Budget Control Act of 2011, the Joint Select Committee shall include—

(a) with respect to each record vote on a motion to report the Joint Select Committee's recommendations or accompanying legislative language, and on any amendment offered to the recommendations or language, the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of members voting for and against;

(b) an estimate by the Congressional Budget Office of the budgetary effects of the legislation (in the same manner as the estimate required by section 401(b)(5)(D)(ii) of the Budget Control Act of 2011); and

(c) a statement on the deficit reduction achieved by the legislation over the period of fiscal years 2012 to 2021 (in the manner as required by section 401(b)(3)(B)(i)(II) of the Budget Control Act of 2011); and

(d) a statement by the Joint Select Committee on the possible effects of the legislation on economic growth, employment, and United States competitiveness, if practicable; and

(e) the text of any statute or part thereof that is proposed to be repealed and a comparative print of any part of the legislative language proposing to amend a statute and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions proposed.

#### RULE V—PUBLIC ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY

1. (a) The Joint Select Committee shall establish and maintain a publicly available website, and shall make its publications available in electronic form thereon. Such publications will include final Committee transcripts and hearing materials as available.

(b) Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to the report or legislative language, the Co-Chairs shall make the text of each such amendment publicly available in electronic form on the Joint Select Committee's website.

(c) Not later than 48 hours after a record vote is completed, the information described in clause 2(b) of rule III shall be made publicly available in electronic form on the Joint Select Committee's website.

2. Each hearing and meeting of the Joint Select Committee shall be open to the public and the media unless the Joint Select Committee, in open session and a quorum being present, determines by majority vote that such hearing or meeting shall be held in closed session. No vote on the recommendations, report or legislative language of the Joint Select Committee, or amendment thereto, may be taken in closed session.

3. To the maximum extent practicable, the Joint Select Committee shall—

(a) provide audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings; and

(b) maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.

### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### MAINE WOOD CONCEPTS

• Ms SNOWE. Mr. President, with nearly 17.7 million acres of forest, my home State of Maine has the key distinction of being the most heavily forested State in this great country. Trees from these plentiful forests are converted into some of the finest hardwood flooring and custom wood products in the world. Today I wish to recognize Maine Wood Concepts, a small business that utilizes Maine's bountiful resources to create quality wooden products and which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Maine Wood Concepts, located in the western Maine town of New Vineyard, specializes in turning, finishing, and manufacturing a variety of custom wood products, all designed to the highest standards. With an outstanding array of products including folding rules, file cleaners, drumsticks, pepper mills, industrial pieces, file handles, and even wooden nickels, this small business certainly lives up to its motto of "turning wood into what you need." As one of the last wood turning companies in the country, the firm's endurance can be attributed to its elite craftsmanship and superior quality products.

Forty years ago Wayne Fletcher and Earl E. Fletcher purchased the previously closed Percy Webber Wood Turning Mill and opened the Maine Wood Turning Mill. Now run by the second generation of the Fletcher family and known as Maine Wood Concepts, this small business has expanded to include Maine Wood Turning, American Pride Company, and the Lutz File and Tool Company. From humble beginnings of producing wooden toy parts and simple wood products, the firm now employs approximately 80 individuals and makes several complex wooden products.

Maine Wood Concepts also seeks to ensure that Maine's abundant forest is cared for through responsible production and consumption of forest products. As a certified member of the Forest Stewardship Council, Maine Wood Concepts has met strict standards for promoting forest conservation through its chain of product distribution.

Over the past 40 years, Maine Woods Concepts has continually expanded and created quality jobs for Maine residents. Their ingenuity and growth throughout the years is a tribute to the strong work ethic found in every corner of Maine. I am proud to extend my congratulations to everyone at Maine Wood Concepts on the occasion of the

company's 40th anniversary and offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO OREM MAYOR JERRY C. WASHBURN

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I wish to speak about the passing last month of Orem Mayor Jerry C. Washburn, one of Utah's finest public servants and a man who was beloved by those who had the pleasure of knowing and serving with him.

Mayor Washburn passed away September 26, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Of Utah's many great public servants, it is difficult to find one finer than Jerry. His legacy of compassionate care and service to others will endure forever in the heads and hearts of his family, friends, and many constituents and admirers.

Jerry Washburn lived in his city of Orem for over half a century and served as its mayor for 11 years. He was elected to four terms and was the longest serving mayor in Orem's history. The reason for his political success is the same as it was for his success in all his endeavors. He was unfailingly kind and friendly to everyone he met, and he had a wonderful ability to put people at ease. He listened respectfully to all opinions and appreciated a thoughtful exchange of ideas. Mayor Washburn also was a natural leader, and he was highly respected by national, State, and local officials. He had an excellent relationship with the Orem City Council and city staff.

During his time in office, Mayor Washburn presided over Orem with a steady hand and a gentle touch. He continually worked to build others and to strengthen the community by supporting a diverse array of projects and programs. His focus as mayor was preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Orem. In this endeavor, he helped keep Orem as one of the safest cities in America and ensured that it remained "Family City USA." Mayor Washburn also worked hard to support Orem's many businesses and a strong economic base.

But Jerry Washburn's service and influence were not limited to Orem. He enjoyed his association with other leaders and organizations. He served as chairman of the Utah County Transportation Planning Organization and as chairman of the Utah County Board of Health. The mayor also was a founding board member of the Utah Lake Commission, served as president of the Orem Chamber of Commerce, and was a founding member of the Commission for Economic Development in Orem. He was also a successful businessman, owning a car dealership in Orem and serving on the regional board of a Utah bank and as director of a local credit union. He was accomplished both politically and professionally.

Jerry Washburn's motive for serving was simple. He wanted to help others and the community and State that he

so dearly loved. His credo was: "If not me, who? If not now, when?" He never sought rewards or recognition, but his service was so stellar that it did not go unrecognized. In fact, he received the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award, the Arthur V. Watkins Outstanding Citizen Award, and the Brigham Young University Emeriti Alumni Award.

Jerry Washburn was also an active member of the Church and Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Demonstrating his faith and commitment to God, he served his fellow church members—without financial remuneration—in a variety of leadership positions. His was a life based on an abiding love of his family, his church, and his fellow man. Perhaps that is why in the political arena—known more for discord than harmony—Jerry Washburn had few, if any, enemies and so many friends. He loved and respected people, and they loved and respected him in return.

In one of his last discussions with trusted colleague and confidant, Orem City Manager Bruce Chesnut, Mayor Washburn said, "No matter what happens, I'm ready." Well, Mr. Mayor, the City of Orem, the State of Utah, and the Nation were not ready to see you go.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with his cherished family, including his wife, Betty, his 6 children and 19 grandchildren.

Mayor Jerry Washburn will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on through his wife, children, grandchildren, beloved community, and in the countless lives he has blessed and touched during his remarkable service.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SISTERS OF CHARITY

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, in 1737, Marguerite D'Youville, a young widow and mother of three, founded the Sister of Charity in Quebec, Canada. Despite her own misfortune and poverty, she devoted her life to caring for those less fortunate—the poor, the sick, and the orphaned.

Since that time, the Grey Nuns, as the sisters are known, have expanded their work of compassion throughout Canada, the United States, South America, and the Caribbean with schools, hospitals, and orphanages. St. Marguerite D'Youville, whom Pope John XXIII called the "Mother of Universal Charity," was canonized in 1990, the first native-born Canadian saint.

My home State has been blessed by the works of St. Marguerite and her followers. On November 20, 1878, three Grey Nuns stepped off a train in Lewiston, ME, equipped with little more than caring hearts and determination. Within 2 weeks, they opened the first bilingual school in that largely Franco-American city, with 200 children arriving for the first day of class. Within 6 months, they opened an orphanage.

The Hospital of the Sisters of Charity they founded was often referred to as the "Sisters' Hospital" or the "French

Hospital," but the Grey Nuns welcomed all. It was the first hospital in the twin cities of Lewiston-Auburn and the first Catholic hospital in Maine. Fees for care in the hard-working mill community were low and were often paid in loaves of bread, bolts of cloth, or bushels of apples, which the sisters gladly accepted.

A major expansion of the hospital in 1902 gave Lewiston the two magnificent domes that grace the city's skyline. In 1910, the name was changed to St. Mary's General Hospital. The growth of the hospital was well underway, with the latest medical innovations and a bilingual School of Nursing.

Today, St. Mary's Health System includes a 233-bed acute care facility; a strong physician network, an independent living center, and occupational health services that reach out to businesses throughout the region. St. Mary's D'Youville Pavilion is one of the largest nursing homes in New England and a national model for elder care.

On October 24, St. Mary's General Hospital will honor the Sisters of Charity, past and present, for more than 130 years of healing for the body and the soul. I rise today to join in that tribute. Through the tender care and willing sacrifice of the Grey Nuns, the words of St. Marguerite d'Youville, "We shall continue to love and to serve," still resonate today.●

#### FOOD DAY

● Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I wish to submit for the RECORD an article written by Ann Wittman, executive director of the Wyoming Beef Council and published October 8, 2011, in the Wyoming Livestock Journal. The article's title is "Food Day Includes Gravy."

As Ann correctly points out, Monday, October 24, 2011, is being billed as Food Day with events planned across the Nation. Here in Washington, DC, the National Archives will be hosting a Food Day open house in conjunction with their "What's Cooking, Uncle Sam?" exhibit. Of note, the open house is being supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Food and Drug Administration along with the primary Food Day sponsor, the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

It is the Center for Science in the Public Interest's agenda Ann calls into question. As she writes, the group's goal is to "encourage people around the country to sponsor or participate in activities that encourage Americans to 'eat real' and support healthy, affordable food grown in a sustainable, humane way."

The question must be asked, who is defining what is or what is not sustainable, healthy, and humane? In the article she points out behind the innocent name of the "Center for Science in the Public Interest" are groups with very extreme positions such as the Humane Society of the United States, People

for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Farm Animal Rights Movement, and FBI-designated terrorist groups, including the Animal Liberation Front. These groups push radical environmental, animal rights, and vegan positions and lifestyles that have very little to do with either science or public interest.

The USDA and FDA should not align themselves with fringe groups who push ideology over science. I commend Ann for her research and wise judgment in exposing special interest masquerading as public interest.

The material follows.

#### FOOD DAY INCLUDES GRAVY

(By Ann Wittmann, Executive Director, Wyoming Beef Council)

When I started working at the Wyoming Beef Council more than a decade ago, I had fewer gray hairs, fewer wrinkles and enthusiasm that might have been referred to as effervescent. My ideals were grand, my trust was large and I had great faith in the public to seek and gravitate toward the truth. Don't get me wrong, my enthusiasm has not waned, anyone who works with me or in the continental vicinity of me knows that I am passionate about my work, but the direction and means of expressing my enthusiasm has become more focused over the years. It's become less like an exploding soda pop and more like simmering gravy.

Several weeks ago I read with great interest an invitation to work with an organization called Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) to participate in and facilitate "Food Day" activities throughout Wyoming. The invite billed "Food Day" as a national event on Oct. 24, 2011 to "encourage people around the country to sponsor or participate in activities that encourage Americans to 'eat real' and support healthy, affordable food grown in a sustainable, humane way."

Had I received that offer 10 years ago, I would have been shocked to discover the true message and motive behind the effort. After all, the event was created by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, and who among us doesn't believe that science should be in the public interest? My older, wiser simmering brain prevailed, however, and held back enthusiasm pending further investigation.

Research into the event listed partner organizations as Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Farm Animal Rights Movement and the notorious Humane Society of the United States. Similar to the CSPI group, these organizations have feel-good names that serve to mislead the public. Most of us are aware that the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is a national non-profit organization with a \$200 million budget raised under the guise of funding pet shelters, but that spends all but one percent of that budget on efforts to eliminate animal agriculture. The other two groups, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) and Farm Animals Rights Movement (FARM) may not be as familiar. PCRM, in spite of its name, has a very small number of physicians as members and has direct ties to PETA, as well as several FBI-designated terrorist groups including Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC). FARM is a national non-profit organization promoting a vegan lifestyle through public education and grassroots activism to end the use of animals for food.

As cautious as I am about jumping to conclusions, less than 60 seconds into my research I began to think "Food Day" was not